

2020-2022 TAP Network Strategic Plan

The TAP Network’s ultimate ambition is to help transform people, institutions and societies to support lasting change for a more peaceful, just, inclusive, accountable and sustainable world at all levels. To achieve these goals, the TAP Network works on advancing implementation and monitoring for SDG16+ – aimed at Fostering Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies – and around ensuring accountability for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 2030 Agenda more broadly. The intrinsic link between SDG16+ and SDG accountability underpins all of TAP’s core work, with the strength and unique added-value of TAP lying in its global leadership to mobilize, coordinate and empower civil society stakeholders around the convergence of these issues at all levels.

TAP’s core objectives center around advancing collaboration and work towards three primary strategic goals: 1) Fostering a diverse, vibrant community of practice around TAP issues, 2) Improving SDGs/SDG16+ Localization and Capacity Building, and 3) Strengthening monitoring, data and accountability for SDG16+ and the 2030 Agenda. Serving as a platform to bring together a wide range of civil society experts and activists around the SDGs, TAP works to help empower these partners by providing groundbreaking and innovative capacity building tools and programmes, and also learns from and benefits from the invaluable expertise, experiences and unique perspectives of its members.

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Transparency, Accountability & Participation Network (TAPN)

Description:

The Transparency, Accountability & Participation (TAP) Network is a diverse membership-driven network, representing a diverse range of civil society experts and practitioners on issues of peace, justice, inclusion and sustainable development at all levels.

Stakeholder(s):

TAP Steering Committee

Accountability Lab

Asia Development Alliance

Civil Society Platform

Poverty Reduction Forum Trust

SDGs Kenya Forum

Civil Society Organizations :

The TAP Network includes hundreds of civil society organizations operating in every region of the world, with TAP's work evolving to not only coordinate collective global advocacy on behalf of its members, but to also provide indirect or direct support to its members to advance SDG16+ and SDG accountability in their own contexts.

Vision

Transform people, institutions, and societies to support lasting change for a more peaceful, just, inclusive, accountable and sustainable world at all levels.

Mission

Building and fostering a community of empowered civil society actors working to advance SDG16+ at all levels, and to hold governments accountable to the SDGs more broadly.

Values

Peace

Justice

Inclusiveness

Accountability

Sustainability

1. Network

Empower national and local civil society to foster an active, vibrant and engaged global network to advance SDG16+ and SDG Accountability

Maintaining and improving the engagement of the TAP Network's Partners and Members remains at the core of the TAP Network's work. It does this by:

1.1. Coordination

Fostering an empowered community of civil society practitioners around SDG16+ and Accountability for the SDGs

1.1.1. Engagement

Maintain pro-active engagement with TAP Partners and Members, including through innovating and improving TAP's online and in-person engagement opportunities

1.1.2. Presence & Membership

Expand TAP's presence and membership around the world, and improving ownership of TAP's work by its Partners and Members in all aspects of TAP's work

1.1.3. Consultation & Learning

Improve TAP's means of consultation and learning from TAP's Partners and Members, in an effort to ensure responsiveness to needs and priorities of the Network

1.1.4. Linkages & Follow-up

Strengthen linkages and follow-up with Partners and Members at the national and local levels, including working with partners directly on in-country activities

1.1.5. Online & Digital Platforms

Further development of online and digital platforms for TAP's Partners and Members to engage, including webinars, calls, listservs, forums and other innovative media

1.2. Civil Society

Increase recognition of the importance of civil society for SDG16+ and accountability for the 2030 Agenda

Stakeholder(s):

Civil Society

1.2.1. Commitments & Action

Continue ongoing support around the “Decade of Action for SDG16+”, including through advocacy for ambitious Commitments and “Accelerator Actions” by all actors towards SDG16+

1.2.2. Advocacy

Strengthen the TAP’s Network’s advocacy around SDG16+ and Accountability for the SDGs, at all levels

1.3. Learning & Knowledge

Enhance peer-learning and knowledge sharing platforms for TAP’s Partners and Members

1.3.1. Learning

Further development of the TAP’s Network’s online and digital peer-learning platforms to collect and showcase case studies, best practices, reports and other resources from TAP Partners and Members

1.3.2. Tools & Platforms

Develop innovative tools and platforms for ongoing and pro-active engagement from TAP Partners and Members with one another

1.3.3. Analytics & Knowledge

Improve the TAP Network’s analytical and knowledge-sharing resources on various TAP Network priorities and showcasing the work of TAP Partners and Members

1.3.4. Connections

Expand the TAP Network’s opportunities for connecting TAP’s Network Partners and Members, including through digital and in-person convenings

1.4. Leadership

Expand the role for civil society in working to advance SDG16+ and SDG Accountability through leadership in key spaces at all levels

1.4.1. Global Spaces

Continue TAP's ongoing leadership role in key global spaces around SDG16+ and accountability for the SDGs, and improve the presence and engagement of civil society in these processes

1.4.1. Initiatives

Engage within leadership structures of various multi-stakeholder initiatives on SDG16+ and SDG accountability

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2. Localization & Capacity

Improve SDGs/SDG16+ Localization and Capacity Building

The TAP Network looks to support capacity building of local and national civil society to engage with SDG16 and SDG accountability and action. It does this by:

2.1. Tools & Resources

Develop tools and resources to help empower and strengthen civil society capacities.

2.1.1. Capacity Building

Further develop and expand the TAP Network's suite of capacity building tools and resources for civil society, particularly at the national and local levels

2.2.2. Online & Digital Media

Expand the TAP Network's online and digital media resources, to further strengthen engagement with these resources by its members

2.2.3. Issues

Explore additional issue-specific resources with TAP Network Partners, and improve the accessibility of new and existing resources

2.2. Empowerment

Support in-country capacity building initiatives to empower civil society.

Stakeholder(s):
Civil Society

2.2.1. Workshops & Activities

Continue work with in-country partners and other global civil society networks to host national workshops and other activities in key countries

2.2.2. Support & Follow-up

Ensure adequate follow-up from capacity-building activities, and work with in-country partners to provide direct support, as necessary

2.3. National Action

Strengthen localization and mainstreaming to foster national action.

2.3.1. Localization

Work with the SDG16+ Localization Consortium and other key partners to improve localization of SDG16+ into national programmes in key countries

Stakeholder(s):

SDG16+ Localization Consortium

2.3.2. Follow-up Work

Strengthen work to enhance “Post-VNR” follow-up work in countries, including through the development of capacity building resources and platforms for sharing of best practices

3. Monitoring, Data & Accountability

Strengthen Monitoring, Data and Accountability for SDG16+ and the 2030 Agenda

The TAP Network looks to enhance monitoring and accountability for SDG16+ and the 2030 Agenda. It does this by:

3.1. Accountability

Coordinate a Campaign for a “Decade of Accountability for the SDGs”

3.1.1. Campaign

Spearhead efforts to mobilize around a multi-stakeholder Campaign for a “Decade of Accountability for the SDGs”

3.1.2. Partnerships

Foster broad multi-stakeholder partnerships to advance key priority areas that underpin SDG Accountability at all levels

3.2. Reporting

Strengthen Civil Society Spotlight Reporting on the SDGs and SDG16+

Stakeholder(s):
Civil Society

3.2.1. Tools & Resources

Provide tools and resources to improve the frequency, effectiveness and impact of Civil Society Spotlight Reporting on the SDGs, and on SDG16+ specifically

3.2.2. Platforms

Provide platforms for showcasing Spotlight Reports on SDG16+, with an aim to share experiences and to analyze approaches and trends around Spotlight Reporting overall.

3.3. Progress

Improve the recognition and use of non-official data to measure progress on SDG16

3.3.1. Non-Official Data

Continue work with the SDG16 Data Initiative to showcase non-official data sources and indicators

Stakeholder(s):

SDG16 Data Initiative

3.3.2. Reports

Continue development of a yearly SDG16 data progress report with the SDG16 Data Initiative, to examine progress on SDG16 utilizing non-official data sources

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